

PUBLIC DEBT STATEMENT.

Cash Balance on Hand in the Treasury of \$379,374.865.

Washington, Jan. 2.—The monthly statement of the public debt shows that at the close of business Dec. 31, 1903, the debt, less cash in the treasury, amounted to \$914,160,580, which is a decrease for the month of \$1,618,530. The debt is recapitalized as follows:

Interest bearing debt, \$901,747,320.	on which interest has ceased since Dec. 31, 1903, \$1,618,530.
Total, \$899,885,025.	Total, \$1,293,555,775.

This amount, however, does not in-

clude \$335,258,869 in certificates and treasury notes outstanding, which are offset by an equal amount of cash on hand held for their redemption.

The cash in the treasury is classified as follows: Gold reserves, \$150,068,000; Treasury fund, \$825,858,869; general fund, \$148,135,172; in national bank depositories, \$72,150,558. Total, \$1,406,651,909. Against this cash on hand there are notes outstanding, amounting to \$1,022,247,636, which leaves a cash balance on hand of \$379,374.865.

The cash in the treasury was increased during the month by \$10,187,500, which is largely due to decreases in disbursing officers' balances.